

TURDUS LUNULATUS.



CHARACTER GENERICUS.

Rostrum tereti-cultratum : mandibula superiore apice deflexo, emarginato.

Nares nudæ, superne membranula semitectæ.

Faux ciliata.

Lingua lacero-emarginata.

Lin. Syst. Nat. p. 291.

CHARACTER SPECIFICUS, &c.

TURDUS totus niger, pennis margine flavis, genis gulaque holosericeis.

Lin. Syst. Nat. Gmel. p. 821.

Merula Madagascariensis aurea.

Briss. av. 2. p. 247.

TURDUS Saui-jala.

Lath. ind. orn. p. 356.

Inter aves quas plurimas alit insula Cerne haud facile elegantiores reperies Turdo lunulato, cui pennæ fere omnes nigerrimæ margine luteo seu velut aureo decoratæ: magnitudinem veram ostendit tabula.

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THE
LUNULATED THRUSH.



GENERIC CHARACTER.

Bill strait, obtusely carinated at top, bending a little at the point, and slightly notched near the end of the upper mandible.

Nostrils oval, naked.

Tongue slightly jagged at the end.

SPECIFIC CHARACTER, &c.

Black THRUSH with the feathers edged with yellow; the cheeks and throat velvet black.

Black-Cheeked THRUSH.

Lath. syn. 1. p. 75.

Merle doré de Madagascar.

Buff. ois. 3. p. 398. *Pl. Enl.* 359. f. 2.

Among the most elegant of the Madagascar birds may be numbered the species of Thrush exhibited on the present plate: the general colour is a deep velvet black, almost all the feathers being edged with bright yellow or gold-colour. The figure represents it in its natural size.

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